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In re application of : Stephan RUPPERT et al.

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Examiner : Yu, Gina C

For : ACTIVE INGREDIENT-CONTAINING COSMETIC CLEANSING
 EMULSIONS

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Sir:
 Transmitted herewith is an **Election with Traverse** in the above-captioned application.
 ___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
 ___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 ___ A Request for Extension of Time.
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Sir:

This is in response to the requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 19, 2007. Inasmuch as the one-month shortened statutory period for reply is set in the Office Action to expire on February 20, 2007 (February 19, 2007 being a Federal Holiday), this response is being filed by the initial due date for response. However, if any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 13-49, drawn to compositions comprising one or more detergent surfactants having an HLB value of higher than 15, classified in class 510, subclass 119.
- II. Claim 50, drawn to a method of treating or prophylaxis of inflammatory skin conditions, classified in class 514, subclass 887.
- III. Claim 51, drawn to a method of protecting sensitive and dry skin, classified in class 514, subclass 861.

The Examiner also has requested that an election of one single disclosed species of detergent surfactant species having an HLB value of higher than 15 be made.

ELECTION

In order to be responsive to the requirement for restriction, Applicants elect, with traverse, the invention set forth in **claims 13-49** (the invention of **Group I** as identified in the Restriction Requirement) and **sodium lauryl ether sulfate** as the detergent surfactant species having an HLB value of higher than 15. Currently at least elected claims 13-17, 26, 28-40 and 44-49 read on the elected species.

TRAVERSE

Applicants respectfully submit that a restriction requirement is inappropriate in this case. Even if one were to assume, *arguendo*, that the inventions of Groups I to III are distinct, the requirement for restriction should be withdrawn because there is no serious burden.

In MPEP Chapter 800, the Office sets forth its policy by which examiners are guided in requiring restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Section 803 states that “[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.”

Applicants note that the inventions of all of Groups I to III identified in the Restriction Requirement relate to a cleansing emulsion as defined in claim 13. Accordingly, as a practical matter, the searches for inventions I to III should significantly overlap. For example, a search for the invention of Group I should cover many of the areas that are also relevant for the inventions of Groups II and III. Thus, the search burden would not be serious.

For the above reasons alone, the Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn, which action is respectfully requested.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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